



CCSMM

CT Coalition for Sustainable
Materials Management

Food Scraps / Organics Collection & Diversion Working Group Meeting #4

November 19, 2020, 1-3

Agenda:

1. Welcome, Introductions & Overview - Co-chairs, 1:00- 1:10

Katie Dykes, Commissioner

Ronald McDaniel, Mayor Town of Montville

2. Presentations 1:10 – 1:30

- **Caren Harder**, Environmental Compliance Specialist 3, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection – **Commercial Organics Recycling Law**
- **Daria Larson**, Graduate Student Professional Intern, South Central Regional Council of Governments – **Farmer Food Donation Factsheet and Project**

3. Group discussion on the key options/ solutions 1:30 – 2:55

Improving collection systems -

- What more do you need to know about your town's current collection system in order to support changes to improve organics collection? Do you know how to find out the missing information?
- Does your town compost leaves at a transfer station or other municipal site? Would you like support in applying for a demonstration project where you could add food waste to the leaf composting area?
- If you are successful in collecting/ diverting food waste and organics do you have a place to store this material?

- Which collection system do you think is most “reasonable” for your town and what are the steps to get started?
- Do you have a vision for what collection system(s) is most feasible for your municipality?
- Do you see UBP (unit-based pricing) as an option to incentivize diverting organics?
- Would you support a state mandate (i.e. VT), where organics could be a “designated recyclable” like cardboard and food containers [list in CGS 22a-241b(d)]? A softer approach could be phased to develop a municipal plan and diversion goal
- Do you have a way to get home-composting support to your residents? Kitchen bin dispersal, sale of subsidized compost bins?
- How would you support your schools in collecting/ composting their food waste?

Infrastructure

- Are you interested in participating in a regional food waste collection/ reduction partnership?
- Do you have a vision for what infrastructure is most feasible for your municipality?
- What do you need to start or improve your infrastructure (home composting, school program, community composting, transfer station collection/processing, commercial facility)
- What is your reaction to the Zero Waste comments to revise the Organics law (CGS 22a-226e), drop threshold trigger (1/2 ton/week, then 1/4 & 1/8); drop 20 mile radius, expand applicability to all generators (including institutions/municipal)
- Do you envision your municipality hosting an animal feed, AD, or composting facility?

Financing

- Should the state provide greater financing to expand municipal and/or private infrastructure, create the market demand for commercial facilities through mandating organics diversion, or both
- What funding mechanisms would you be most supportive of?

4. Next Steps, Schedule, Wrap-up 2:55 – 3:00